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The Reward of Knowledge and the Scholars

Mu‘āwiyah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When Allah wills good for someone, He makes him understand the religion."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (71) and Muslim (1037)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever pursues a path in search of knowledge, Allah will thereby make easy for him a path to Paradise. There is no group of people who gather in a mosque to recite Allah's Book and study it together except that tranquility will descend on them, mercy will cover them, angels will surround them, and Allah will mention them among those who are with Him."

[Narrated by Muslim (2699)]

The Reward of Teaching Knowledge

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When a person dies, his deeds come to a halt, except for three: ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge, and a righteous child who supplicates for him."

[Narrated by Muslim (1631)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever calls to guidance, he will obtain a reward equivalent to that of those who follow him, without their reward being diminished in the least; and if anyone calls to misguidance, he will incur a sin equivalent to that of those who follow him, without their sins being diminished in the least."

[Narrated by Muslim (2674)]

Abu Mas‘ūd al-Ansāri (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"He who guides to an act of goodness will have a reward similar to that of its doer."

[Narrated by Muslim (1893)]

The Reward of Ablution and Its Perfect Performance

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When a Muslim, or a believer, performs ablution and washes his face, every sin which he committed with his eyes will be washed away from his face with water, or with the last drop of water; when he washes his hands, every sin which is committed by his hands will be washed away from his hands with water, or with the last drop of water; and when he washes his feet, every sin his feet committed will be washed away with water, or with the last drop of water; until he finally comes out cleansed of all his sins."

[Narrated by Muslim (244)]

‘Uthmān ibn ‘Affān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever performs ablution perfectly, his sins will depart from his body, even from under his nails."

[Narrated by Muslim (229)]

The Reward of Performing Ablution Perfectly Despite Hardship

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Shall I direct you to that by which Allah effaces sins and elevates ranks?" They said: "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: "Performing ablution perfectly despite difficult circumstances, taking many steps to mosques, and waiting for prayer after prayer; that is Ar-Ribāt (fortified place)."

[Narrated by Muslim (251)]

The Reward of Using the Tooth-Stick

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The tooth-stick purifies the mouth and pleases the Lord."

[Narrated by An-Nasā’i (1/10); included by Al-Bukhāri in his Sahīh (4/158)]

The Reward of Maintaining Ablution

Thawbān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Keep to the straight path, which you will not be able to do, and know that the best of your deeds is prayer, and none maintains ablution but a believer."

[Narrated by Ahmad (22378)]

The Reward of Saying the Two Testimonies After Ablution

‘Umar ibn al-Khattāb (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever of you performs ablution perfectly and then says, ‘Ash-hadu an la ilaha illa Allah wa anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu wa rasūluh' (I testify that no one is worthy of being worshiped but Allah and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger), the eight

gates of Paradise will be opened for him, and he may enter by whichever of them he wishes."

[Narrated by Muslim (234)]

Reward of the Prayer After Ablution

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said to Bilāl at the time of the Fajr prayer:

"O Bilāl, tell me about the most hopeful act you have done since your acceptance of Islam, for I heard the sound of the steps of your shoes before me in Paradise."

He said: **"I do not consider any act more hopeful than that whenever I make ablution in an hour of night or day, I would offer prayer for as long as it was destined for me to pray."** [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1149) and Muslim (2458)]

‘Uqbah ibn ‘Āmir (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"If any Muslim performs ablution properly and then stands and prays two Rak‘ahs, fully dedicating its performance inwardly and outwardly, he will be guaranteed Paradise." [Narrated by Muslim (234)]

‘Uthmān ibn ‘Affān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever makes ablution like the ablution I make and then offers two Rak‘ahs, not letting his thoughts wander, his past sins will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (164) and Muslim (226)]

The Reward of the Muezzin

Ibn Abi Sa‘sa‘ah al-Ansāri reported that Abu Sa‘īd al-Khudri said to him:

"I see that you like sheep and wilderness. So, whenever you are with your sheep and in wilderness and you call the Adhan, raise your voice with the Adhan, for whoever hears the voice of the Muezzin, whether a human or jinn or any other creature, will testify for him on the Day of Resurrection."

Abu Sa‘īd added: **"I heard this from the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him)."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3296)]

Talhah ibn Yahya related from his uncle:

I was sitting in the company of Mu‘āwiyah ibn Abi Sufyān when the Muezzin came and called him for prayer. Mu‘āwiyah said:

I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say: **"The Muezzins will have the longest necks on the Day of Resurrection."**

[Narrated by Muslim (387)]

Anas ibn Mālik reported:

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) used to attack the enemy at dawn, and he would sometimes hear the Adhan. Whenever he heard an Adhan, he would stop; if otherwise, he would attack. Once, he heard a man say "Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar" (Allah is the Greatest), and he said: "You are upon Fitrah (natural disposition, i.e., Islam)." **Then, the man said: "I testify that none is worthy of being worshiped but Allah; I testify that none is worthy of being worshiped but Allah." Thereupon, the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: "You have come out of Hellfire."** They looked at him and found that he was a goat herder.

[Narrated by Muslim (382)]

The Reward of Repeating After the Adhan

‘Umar ibn al-Khattāb (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When the Muezzin says 'Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar', and one of you says 'Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar'; then he says 'Ash-hadu an la ilaha illa Allah', and he says ''Ash-hadu an la ilaha illa Allah'; then he

says 'Ash-hadu anna Muhammadan rasūl Allah', and he says 'Ash-hadu anna Muhammadan rasūl Allah'; then he says 'Hayy ‘ala as-salah' (come to prayer), and he says 'La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah' (there is no power nor strength except through Allah); then he says 'Hayy ‘ala al-falāh' (come to success), and he says 'La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah'; then he says 'Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar', and he says 'Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar'; and then he says 'la ilaha illa Allah', and he says 'la ilaha illa Allah', from his heart, he will enter Paradise."

[Narrated by Muslim (385)]

The Reward of the Prescribed Dhikr and Supplication After the Adhan

‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘Ās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"When you hear the Muezzin, repeat after him and then invoke Allah's blessings upon me, for indeed, whoever invokes Allah's blessings upon me once, Allah will thereby send His blessings upon him ten times. Then, you ask Allah to grant me the Wasīlah, for it is a rank in Paradise that is only fitting for one of Allah's servants, and I hope I will be that one. If

anyone asks the Wasīlah for me, my intercession will be due to him."

[Narrated by Muslim (384)]

Jābir ibn ʻAbdullāh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"If anyone says upon hearing the Adhan, 'Allahumma rabba hadhihi ad-daʻwah at-tāmmah wa as-salah al-qā'imah, āti Muhammadan al-wasīlah wa al-fadīlah, wabʻathuhu maqāman mahmūdan al-ladhy waʻadtah' (O Allah, Lord of this perfect call and the established prayer, grant Muhammad the Wasīlah and superiority and raise him up to a praiseworthy position which You have promised him), my intercession will be due to him on the Day of Resurrection."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (614)]

Saʻd ibn Abi Waqqās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever says upon hearing the Muezzin, 'Ash-hadu an la ilaha illa Allah, wahdahu la sharīka lah, wa anna muhammadan ʻabduhu wa rasūluh, radītu billahi rabban wa bi Muhammad rasūlan wa bil islam dīnan' (I testify that none is worthy of being worshipped except Allah, alone, with no partner, and that

Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. I am pleased with Allah as a Lord, with Muhammad as a Messenger, and with Islam as a religion), his sins will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Muslim (386)]

The Reward of Prayer

Ma‘dān ibn Talhah al-Ya‘mari related:

I met Thawbān, the Prophet's freed slave, and said to him: "Tell me about an act for which, if I do it, Allah will admit me to Paradise - or I asked about the act most loved by Allah." He gave no reply. I again asked and he gave no reply. I asked him for the third time, and he said: **"I asked the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) about that, and he said: 'Make frequent prostrations to Allah, for you will not make one prostration except that Allah will raise you thereby a degree and will remove from you thereby a sin.'"**

Ma‘dān added: Then I met Abu ad-Dardā’ and asked him, and he told me the same as Thawbān.

[Narrated by Muslim (488)]

Rabī‘ah ibn Ka‘b al-Aslami related:

I passed the night with the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him), and when I brought him his water for ablution and what he needed, he told me to make a request. I said: "I ask to accompany you in Paradise." **He asked if I had any other request to make, and when I replied that that was all, he said: "Then help me to accomplish this for you by devoting yourself to frequent prostration."**

[Narrated by Muslim (489)]

The Reward of the Obligatory Prayers and Observing Them

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Tell me, if there were a river at the door of one of you from which he washed five times a day, would any of his filthiness remain?" They said: **"No, nothing of his filthiness would remain."** He said: **"That is like the five obligatory prayers, by which Allah obliterates sins."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (528) and Muslim (667)]

‘Amr ibn Sa‘īd ibn al-‘Ās related:

I was with ‘Uthmān, and he asked for ablution water and said: "I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

'When the time for an obligatory prayer comes, any Muslim who performs ablution properly and offers his prayer with proper humility and bowing, [except that] it will be an expiation for his past sins, as long as he has not committed a major sin; and this is for all times.'"

[Narrated by Muslim (227)]

The Reward of the Fajr and ‘Asr Prayers Together

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Angels take turns among you by night and by day, and they all assemble at the Fajr and ‘Asr prayers. Then those angels who spend the night among you ascend, and their Lord asks them, although He knows best about them: 'How did you leave My servants?' They say: 'We left them while they were praying, and we came to them while they were praying.'"

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (555) and Muslim (632)]

Jarīr ibn ‘Abdullāh reported:

We were sitting with the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) when he looked at the full moon and observed: **"You will see your Lord as you see this moon having no difficulty in seeing it. So try your best to perform the prayer before the rising of the sun and before its setting."** Then, he recited: {And glorify your Lord with praise before sunrise and before sunset.}

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (554) and Muslim (633)]

‘Umārah ibn Ru’aybah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"He will not enter Hellfire, who prayed before the sunrise and before the sunset."

i.e., the Fajr and ‘Asr prayers.

[Narrated by Muslim (634)]

Abu Mūsa (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever prays the Bardayn will enter Paradise."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (574) and Muslim (635)]

The bardayn: the ‘Asr and Fajr prayers.

The Reward of the ‘Asr Prayer

Abu Basrah al-Ghifāri (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

The Messenger of Allah led us in the ‘Asr prayer at Mukhammas and said: **"This is a prayer which was proposed to your predecessors, but they neglected it. Everyone who keeps observing it will have a double reward."** [Narrated by Muslim (830)]

The Reward of the Fajr Prayer

Jundub (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever offers the Fajr prayer comes under Allah's protection. So let not Allah call you to account for withdrawing, in any respect, from His protection, for if He calls anyone to account for this, He will get hold of him and throw him down upon his face in Hellfire." [Narrated by Muslim (657)]

The Reward of the ‘Ishā’ and Fajr Prayers in Congregation

‘Uthmān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Whoever offers the ‘Ishā’ prayer in congregation, it is as if he has performed Qiyām al-Layl (night prayer) for half the night, and whoever offers the Fajr prayer in congregation, it is as if he has performed Qiyām al-Layl all night long."

[Narrated by Muslim (656)]

The Reward of Offering Prayer at its Appointed Time

Ibn Masʻūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

I asked the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him): **"Which deed is most beloved to Allah?" He said: "Prayer at its appointed time."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (527) and Muslim (85)]

The Merit of Saying Ameen in Prayer

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When the Imam says {Not of those who incurred Your Wrath, or of those who went astray}, say 'ameen', for whoever says 'ameen' in coincidence with the angels saying 'ameen', his past sins will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (782) and Muslim (410)]

Abu Mūsa al-Ash‘ari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) delivered a sermon to us, explaining our Sunnah to us and teaching us our prayer. He said: **"When you pray, straighten your rows and let one of you lead the prayer; when he says takbīr, say takbīr, and when he says {Not of those who incurred Your Wrath, or of those who went astray}, say 'amen', and Allah will respond to you."**

[Narrated by Muslim (404)]

The merit of saying "O Allah, our Lord, praise be to You" after rising from Rukūʿ

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When the Imam says 'Samiʿa Allahu liman hamidah' (Allah hears he who praises Him), say 'Allahumma rabbana wa laka al-hamd' (O Allah, our Lord, praise be to You), for if anyone's statement coincides with that of the angels, his past sins will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (796) and Muslim (409)]

Abu Mūsa al-Ashʿari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) delivered a sermon to us, explaining our Sunnah to us and teaching us our prayer. He said: **"When you pray, straighten your rows and let one of you lead the prayer... And when he says 'Samiʿa Allahu liman hamidah', say 'Allahumma rabbana wa laka al-hamd', and Allah will hear you."**

[Narrated by Muslim (404)]

The merit of saying "O Allah, our Lord, praise be to You, praise in abundance" after rising from Rukūʻ

Rifāʻah ibn Rāfiʻ az-Zurqi reported:

One day we were praying behind the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him). When he raised his head from rukūʻ (bowing), he said: **"Samiʻa Allahu liman hamidah."** A man behind him said: **"Rabbana wa laka al-hamd, hamdan kathīran tayyiban mubārakan feih"** (Our Lord, praise be to You, praise that is abundant, good, and blessed). When the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) completed the prayer, he asked: **"Who is the one who spoke?"** The man replied: 'Me.' The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"I saw over thirty angels competing to write it first."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (799)]

The Reward of Congregational Prayer

Ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Prayer offered in congregation is twenty-seven degrees more excellent than prayer offered by a single person."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (645) and Muslim (650)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Prayer offered by a man in congregation is more than twenty times greater in reward than his prayer in his house or his prayer in the market, for if he performs ablution properly and then goes to the mosque with the sole intention of performing prayer, and nothing urges him to proceed to the mosque except the prayer, then for every step he takes toward the mosque, he will be raised one degree or one of his sins will be forgiven, until he enters the mosque. When he enters the mosque, he is deemed in prayer as long as it is prayer that prevents him from leaving. The angels will keep invoking Allah's forgiveness and blessings for every one of you so long as he remains

in the place where he has prayed, saying: O Allah, show mercy to him; O Allah, forgive him; O Allah, accept his repentance.' This continues as long as he causes no harm to others or breaks his ablution."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (647) and Muslim (649)]

The Reward of Praying in the First Row

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"If people knew the reward of the Call and the first row, and then they found no other way to get this privilege except by casting lots, they would certainly cast lots."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (615) and Muslim (437)]

The call means the Adhan.

The casting lots means to vote.

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The best of men's rows is the first, and the worst of them is the last; and the best of women's rows is the last, and the worst of them is the first."

[Narrated by Muslim (440)]

The Reward of Praying in the Holy Mosque and the Prophet's Mosque

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Prayer in this mosque of mine is better than a thousand prayers anywhere else, except for the Holy Mosque."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1190) and Muslim (1394)]

The Reward of Building a Mosque for Allah Almighty

‘Uthmān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Whoever builds a mosque seeking the countenance of Allah Almighty, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (450) and Muslim (533)]

The Reward of Walking to the Mosque for Prayer

Abu Mūsa (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The one who obtains the greatest reward for prayer is he who walks to it for the farthest distance, and the one who waits for prayer to perform it with the Imam has greater reward than the one who prays and then goes to sleep."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (651) and Muslim (662)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever goes to the mosque in the morning or in the evening, Allah will prepare for him a place in Paradise whenever he goes in the morning or in the evening."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (662) and Muslim (669)]

Ubayy ibn Ka‘b (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

There was a man, and I do not know of any other man whose house was farther from the mosque. He never missed a prayer. It was said to him: **"What about buying a**

donkey you could ride in the dark nights and in the burning sand?" He said**: "I do not like my house to be next to the mosque, for I desire that my steps toward the mosque and back from it when I return to my family should be recorded."** Thereupon, the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"Allah has combined for you all of this."**

[Narrated by Muslim (663)]

Jābir ibn 'Abdullāh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

Our houses were situated far away from the mosque. So, we wanted to sell our houses and move near the mosque. But the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) forbade us, saying: **"With every step there is a degree for you."**

[Narrated by Muslim (664)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever performs ablution in his house and then walks to one of the houses of Allah to offer one of the obligatory prayers, each one of his steps will blot out a sin and the other will raise a degree."

[Narrated by Muslim (666)]

The Reward of One Whose Heart is Attached to Mosques

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"There are seven whom Allah will cover with His shade on a day when there will be no shade but His: a just Imam, a young man who grows up worshipping Allah, and a man whose heart is attached to the mosques..."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1423) and Muslim (1031)]

The Reward of Sitting in the Mosque to Wait for Prayer

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"A person is deemed in prayer as long as he remains in his praying place waiting for prayer. Meanwhile, the angels keep saying 'O Allah, forgive him; O Allah, show mercy to him', until he leaves or breaks his ablution."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (176) and Muslim (649)]

The Reward of Voluntary Prayer at Home

Jābir ibn ‘Abdullāh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When one of you performs prayer in his mosque, he should leave a portion of his prayer for his house, for Allah blesses his house because of his prayer."

[Narrated by Muslim (778)]

The Reward of Observing Regular Supererogatory Prayers

Umm Habībah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"No Muslim prays every day twelve voluntary Rak‘ahs, other than the obligatory prayers, except that Allah will build for him a house in Paradise, or except that a house will be built for him in Paradise."

Umm Habībah said: I continued to pray them ever since.

‘Amr said: I continued to pray them ever since.

And An-Nuʻmān made a similar statement.

[Narrated by Muslim (728)]

The Reward of the Two Rakʻahs at Dawn

ʻĀʼishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The two Rakʻahs at dawn are better than this world and what it contains."

In another version: **"They are dearer to me than the whole world."**

[Narrated by Muslim (725)]

The Reward of Witr Late at Night

Jābir (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever is afraid that he may not get up in the latter part of the night should observe Witr in the first part of it; and whoever expects to get up in the last part of it, he should observe Witr at the end of

the night, for prayer at the end of the night is witnessed by the angels, and that is better."

[Narrated by Muslim (755)]

The Reward of One Who Performs Late Night Prayer and Awakens His Household for That

Abu Sa‘īd al-Khudri and Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with both of them) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever wakes at night and awakens his wife, and they pray two Rak‘ahs together, they are recorded among the men and women who frequently remember Allah."

[Narrated by Abu Dāwūd (1451)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"May Allah have mercy on a man who gets up at night and prays, and then he awakens his wife, and she prays, and if she refuses he sprinkles water in her face. And may Allah have mercy on a woman who gets up at night and prays, and then she awakens her

husband, and he prays, and if he refuses she sprinkles water in his face."

[Narrated by Ahmad (7410) and Abu Dāwūd (1308)]

The Reward of the Duha Prayer

Abu Dharr (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Every morning charity is due for every joint bone in the body of every one of you. Every tasbīhah (glorification of Allah) is an act of charity; every tahmīdah (praise) is an act of charity; every tahlīlah (proclaiming Allah's oneness) is an act of charity; and every takbīr is an act of charity; and enjoining what is good is an act of charity and forbidding what is evil is an act of charity; and two Rak‘ahs which one offers in the forenoon will suffice for all this."

[Narrated by Muslim (720)]

The Reward of the Friday Prayer

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The five prayers and the Friday prayer to the Friday prayer expiate what is committed in between, so long as major sins are avoided."

[Narrated by Muslim (233)]

The Reward of Taking a Bath, Applying Perfume, and Listening to the Friday Sermon

Salmān al-Fārisi (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever takes a bath on Friday and cleans himself as much as he can and puts oil or scents himself; and then proceeds for the prayer and does not force his way between two persons and prays as much as is written for him and remains quiet when the Imam delivers the sermon, his sins between that time and the next Friday will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (910)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever takes a bath and then comes to the Friday prayer, and then prays as much as is written for him, and then keeps silent till the Imam finishes the sermon, and then prays along with him, his sins

between that time and the next Friday will be forgiven, with an addition of three days."

[Narrated by Muslim (857)]

The Reward of Going to the Friday Prayer Early

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever takes a bath on Friday like the bath for ritual impurity and then goes in the first part of the time, it is as if he has offered a camel. If he goes in the second part of the time, it is as if he has offered a cow. If he goes in the third part of the time, it is as if he has offered a horned ram. If he goes in the fourth part of the time, it is as if he has offered a hen. If he goes in the fifth part of the time, it is as if he has offered an egg. And when the Imam comes out, the angels attend listening to the dhikr."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (881) and Muslim (850)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When Friday comes, at every gate of the mosque there are angels who write down the people's names

in the order in which they come; then when the Imam comes out, they roll up the scrolls and listen to the sermon. The one who comes early to the prayer is like the one who offers a camel; then the one who comes after him is like the one who offers a cow; then the one who comes after him is like the one who offers a ram; then like the one who offers a chicken; and then like the one who offers an egg. Then, when the Imam comes out, they roll up the scrolls and listen to the dhikr."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (929) and Muslim (850)]

The Reward of Seeking the Time of Answering Supplication During Friday

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"There is a time on Friday at which no Muslim asks Allah for what is good except that He will grant it to him."

He said: It is a brief time.

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (935) and Muslim (852); this is the wording by Muslim]

The Reward of One Whose Last Words are (Lā ilāha illa Allah)

Mu‘ādh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"He whose last words are Lā ilāha illa Allah will enter Paradise."

[Narrated by Abu Dāwūd (3116)]

The Reward of Following the Funeral Procession

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever attends the funeral procession of a Muslim, believing and hoping for the reward from Allah and remains with it until the prayer is offered over him and the burial is completed, he will return with a reward of two qīrats; each qīrat is equivalent to Mount Uhud; and whoever offers the prayer over him and returns before burial, he will come back with one qīrat."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (47) and Muslim (945)]

The Reward of One for Whom a Hundred or Forty Muslims Offer the Funeral Prayer

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No group of Muslims numbering a hundred offer the funeral prayer over a dead person, and all of them intercede for him, except that their intercession for him will be accepted."

[Narrated by Muslim (947)]

Kurayb related: A son of ‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Abbās died in Qudayd or ‘Usfān and he asked me to go out and see how many people had gathered for the funeral. Going out and finding that people had gathered for the funeral, I told him about it. Ibn ‘Abbās asked me if I thought there would be forty present, and when I replied that that was so, he gave orders for the body to be brought out and said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say: **"No Muslim man dies and forty men who associate nothing with Allah stand over his bier except that Allah will accept their intercession for him."**

[Narrated by Muslim (948)]

The Reward of One Who Says (Inna Lillah Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji‘ūn) Upon the Occurrence of a Calamity

Umm Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"No Muslim suffers a calamity and says as Allah commanded him - inna lillah wa inna ilayhi raji‘ūn, allahumma ajirni fi musībati wa akhlif li khayran minha (To Allah we belong, and to Him we shall return. O Allah, reward me for my calamity and give me something better in exchange for it) - except that Allah will give him something better than it in exchange."

When Abu Salamah died, I thought: Who among Muslims is better than Abu Salamah whose family was the first to emigrate to the Messenger of Allah? I said those words, and Allah gave me the Messenger of Allah in exchange.

[Narrated by Muslim (918)]

The Reward of One Who Dies of the Plague

Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Plague is martyrdom for every Muslim."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (2830) and Muslim (1916)]

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: I asked the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) about the plague and he told me that it is a punishment Allah sends upon whomever He wills, but Allah has made it a mercy to the believers. No one stays in his town, in case the plague happens, showing patience and expecting reward from Allah, and knowing that nothing afflicts him except what Allah had decreed for him, except that he will have a reward like that of a martyr.

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3474)]

The Reward of One Whose One, Two, or Three of Children Die Before Puberty

Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No Muslim has three children who die before the age of puberty except that Allah will admit him to Paradise due to his mercy for them."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1248)]

Abu Sa‘īd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The women said to the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him): **"Fix a day for us."** So, the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) admonished them and said**: "No woman has three children who die except that they will be a shield for her from Hellfire."** Hearing that, a woman asked: **"And two (children)?"** The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) replied: **"And two."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1249) and Muslim (2633)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No Muslim will be touched by Hellfire, whose three children die, except in fulfillment of the oath (of Allah)."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1251) and Muslim (2632)]

The Reward of One Whose Loved One From the Inhabitants of the World Dies and He Shows Patience

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah Almighty says: 'I have no reward other than Paradise for a believing servant of Mine who remains patient when I take away his beloved one from among the inhabitants of the world."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6424)]

A person's beloved ones include his children, siblings, and anyone he loves.

The Reward of Charity

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Charity does not decrease wealth."

[Narrated by Muslim (2588)]

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

Abu Talhah (may Allah be pleased with him) was the richest among the Ansār in Madīnah and possessed the largest property of palm-trees, and among his most beloved possessions was a garden known as Bayruhā’, which was opposite the mosque. The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) would often visit it and drink from its fresh water.

When this verse {YOU WILL NEVER ATTAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTIL YOU SPEND IN CHARITY FROM WHAT YOU LOVE} [Surat Āl ‘Imrān: 92] was revealed, Abu Talhah came to the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) and said: **"O Messenger of Allah, Allah Almighty says** {YOU WILL NEVER ATTAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTIL YOU SPEND IN CHARITY FROM WHAT YOU LOVE.} **The dearest of my property is Bayruhā’; so I have given it as charity for Allah's sake, and I anticipate its reward with Him; so spend it, O Messenger of Allah, as Allah guides you."**

Thereupon, the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"Well done! That is a profitable property; that is a profitable property. I have heard what you have said, however, I think you should spend it on your nearest relatives."** Abu Talhah said: **"I will do so, O Messenger of Allah."** So, Abu Talhah distributed it among his relatives and cousins.

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1461) and Muslim (998)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever gives in charity something equal to a date from his lawful earned money, and nothing ascends to Allah except what is good, Allah will take it in His Right Hand and bring it up for its owner as anyone of you brings up a baby horse, till it becomes like a mountain."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (7430) and Muslim (1014)]

The Reward of the Charity Collector and its Storekeeper if They are Honest

Abu Mūsa (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The honest Muslim storekeeper who gives what he is commanded completely and in full with a good will and delivers it to the one to whom he was told to give it, is one of the two who give charity." [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1438) and Muslim (1023)]

The Reward of Charity by One Who has Little Money

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"A dirham excelled a hundred thousand dirhams." They said: "How, O Messenger of Allah?"

He said: **"A man had two dirhams and gave one in charity, and another man having abundant wealth took a hundred thousand dirhams from part of his wealth and gave them in charity."** [Narrated by Ahmad (8929) and An-Nasā’i (2527)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I said: **"O Messenger of Allah, which kind of charity is better?"** He said: **"What is given by a person having little money. And begin by giving to your dependents."** [Narrated by Ahmad (8702) and Abu Dāwūd (1677)]

The Reward of Hidden Charity

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Seven are (the types of people) whom Allah will shelter in His shade on a day there will be no shade but His." He mentioned among them: **"And a man who gives charity and hides it to the extent that his left hand does not know what his right hand spends."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1423) and Muslim (1031)]

The Reward of One Who is Provided with Little Subsistence, Showing Contentment and Patience and Self-Sufficiency, and Refrains from Begging, out of Reliance upon Allah

‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Amr (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Successful is the one who enters Islam and is provided with little subsistence, and Allah makes him content with what He has given him."

[Narrated by Muslim (1054)]

Abu Sa‘īd al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Some people of the Companions asked the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him), and he gave them. Then they asked him again, and he gave them until all what he had was used up. Then he said: **"Whatever wealth I have; I will not hoard it from you. Whoever has forbearance, Allah will help him. Whoever tries to be self-sufficient, Allah will enrich him. Whoever tries to be patient, Allah will**

give him patience. And no one is given a better or vaster gift than patience."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1469) and Muslim (1053)]

The Reward of Feeding the Poor for Allah's Sake

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah Almighty will say on the Day of Resurrection: 'O son of Adam, I fell ill, and you did not visit Me.' He will say: 'O Lord, how could I visit You when You are the Lord of the worlds?'

He will say: **'Did you not know that My servant so-and-so had fallen ill, and you did not visit him? Did you not know that had you visited him, you would have surely found Me with him?'**

'O son of Adam, I asked you for food and you did not feed Me.' He will say: **'O Lord, how could I feed You when You are the Lord of the worlds?'**

He will say: **'Did you not know that My servant so-and-so asked you for food and you did not feed him? Did you not know that had you fed him, you would have surely found that with Me?'**

'O son of Adam, I asked you for water to drink and you did not give Me.' He will say: **'O Lord, how could I give You water to drink when You are the Lord of the worlds?'**

He will say: **'My servant so-and-so asked you for water and you did not give him. Had you given him water to drink, you would have surely found that with Me.'"** [Narrated by Muslim (2569)]

The Reward of Giving Water to a Human or an Animal to Drink

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"A man saw a dog eating mud out of thirst. So, that man took his shoe and kept on pouring water for the dog until he quenched its thirst. Allah approved of his deed and admitted him to Paradise." [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (173)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"A prostitute saw a dog moving around a well on a hot day, hanging out its tongue out of thirst. She drew water for it in her shoe, so she was forgiven."

[Narrated by Muslim (2245)]

The Reward of One Who Sows a Seed or Cultivates a Plant

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No Muslim cultivates a plant or sows a seed, from which a bird, man, or an animal eats except that it counts for him as charity."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (2320) and Muslim (1553)]

Jābir (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No Muslim cultivates a plant except that he has a reward of charity for what is eaten from it; and what is stolen from it is a charity for him; what the beasts eat from it is a charity for him; and what the birds eat from it is a charity for him. No one causes a loss to him, except that it counts as a charity for him."

[Narrated by Muslim (1552)]

The Reward of Spending in Charitable Causes

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"There is no day in which people see the morning except that two angels descend. One of them says: O Allah, compensate the one who spends. The other one says: O Allah, cause damage to the one who withholds."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1442) and Muslim (1010)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah said: 'O son of Adam, spend, and I will spend on you.'"

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5352) and Muslim (993)]

The Reward of One Who Gives Respite to the Insolvent Debtor or Forgives his Debt

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"There was a merchant who used to lend to people, and whenever a debtor was in straitened circumstances, he would say to his boys: 'Forgive him, so that Allah may forgive us.' So, Allah forgave him."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (2078) and Muslim (1562)]

‘Abdullāh ibn Abi Qatādah reported: Abu Qatādah demanded the payment of his debt from a debtor, but he hid himself. Then he found him, and he said: **"I am insolvent."** Thereupon, he said: **"By Allah?** He said: **"By Allah!"** So, he said: "I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say: **'Whoever is pleased that Allah saves him from the distress of the Day of Resurrection should give respite to the insolvent or remit his debt.'"**

[Narrated by Muslim (1563)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever relieves a believer of one of the hardships of this world, Allah will relieve him of one of the hardships of the Day of Resurrection. Whoever makes it easy for an insolvent debtor, Allah will make it easy for him in this world and in the Hereafter. And whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and in the Hereafter. And Allah helps His servant as long as he helps his brother."

[Narrated by Muslim (2699)]

Abu al-Yasar (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Whoever gives respite to an insolvent debtor or remits his debt, Allah will shelter him in His shade."

[Narrated by Muslim (3006)]

The Reward of Fasting

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah Almighty said: 'Every deed of the son of Adam is for him, except for fasting; it is for me, and I give the reward for it. He gives up his desire and food for My sake.' By the One in Whose Hand the soul of Muhammad is, the smell coming from the mouth of a fasting person is better in the sight of Allah than the fragrance of musk. The fasting person has two moments of joy: When he breaks his fast, he rejoices at breaking his fast, and when he meets his Lord, he rejoices at having fasted."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1904) and Muslim (1151)]

Sahl (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"There is a gate in Paradise called Ar-Rayyān. Those who observe fast will enter through it on the Day of Judgment, and none except them will enter through it. It will be said: 'Where are those who used to observe fast?' They will stand up, and none except them will enter through it. After they enter, the gate will be closed, and nobody will enter through it."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1896) and Muslim (1152)]

The Reward of One Who Fasts Ramadan out of Faith and in Pursuit of Reward

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever fasts Ramadan out of faith and in pursuit of reward, his past sins will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (37) and Muslim (759)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"When Ramadan enters, the gates of Paradise are opened, the gates of Hellfire are closed, and the devils are chained."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3277) and Muslim (1079); this is the wording by Al-Bukhāri]

The Reward of One Who Performs Qiyām (midnight prayer) in Ramadan out of Faith and in Pursuit of Reward

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever performs qiyām in Ramadan out of faith and in pursuit of reward, his past sins will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (37) and Muslim (759)]

The Reward of One Who Performs Qiyām on the Night of Decree out of Faith and in Pursuit of Reward

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever performs qiyām (midnight prayer) on the Night of Decree out of faith and in pursuit of reward, his past sins will be forgiven."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1901) and Muslim (760)]

The Reward of Suhūr (pre-dawn meal)

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Have suhūr (pre-dawn meal), for indeed there is a blessing in having suhūr."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1923) and Muslim (1095)]

The Reward of Fitr (Breaking Fast) Early

Sahl ibn Sa‘d (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"People will continue to be fine as long as they hasten iftār (breaking fast)."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1957) and Muslim (1098)]

The Reward of One Who Fasts Ramadan and Follows it with Six Days in Shawwāl

Abu Ayyūb (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever fasts Ramadan and then follows it with six days in Shawwāl, it is like fasting the whole year."

[Narrated by Muslim (1164)]

The Reward of Fasting the Day of ‘Arafah

Abu Qatādah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) was asked about fasting the day of ‘Arafah, and he said: **"It is expiation for the preceding year and the current one."** [Narrated by Muslim (1162)]

The Reward of Fasting the Day of ‘Āshūrā’

Abu Qatādah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him)

was asked about fasting the day of ‘Āshūrā’, and he said: **"It is an expiation for the preceding year."**[Narrated by Muslim (1162)]

The Reward of Fasting the Month of Muharram

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The most excellent fasting, after Ramadan, is Allah's month of Muharram."

[Narrated by Muslim (1163)]

The Reward of Fasting the Month of Shaʻbān

Osama ibn Zayd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I said: **"O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting any month as much as Shaʻbān."**

He said: **"That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that my deeds be taken up when I am fasting."**

[Narrated by An-Nasā’i (2357)]

The Reward of Fasting Three Days Every Month

‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘Ās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said to me:

"Fast three days every month. This is fasting of the year, or like fasting of the year."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3419) and Muslim (1159)]

In another version by Al-Bukhāri and Muslim:

"And it is sufficient for you to fast three days a month, as the reward of a good deed is multiplied ten times; and that is fasting the whole year."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6134) and Muslim (1159)]

Abu Qatādah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Fasting three days every month and Ramadan to the next Ramadan is fasting of the year."

[Narrated by Muslim (1162)]

The Reward of Fasting Monday

Abu Qatādah al-Ansāri (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) was asked about fasting Monday, and he said: **"This is a day on which I was born, and a day on which I was sent (as a Prophet), or the revelation came down to me."**

[Narrated by Muslim (1162)]

The Reward of Fasting on Alternate Days

‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Amr (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said to me:

"The dearest fasting in the sight of Allah is that of Dāwūd. He used to fast on alternate days."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3420) and Muslim (1159)]

The Reward of Hajj and ‘Umrah

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Whoever performs Hajj without engaging in sexual relation or sinning will return like the day his mother gave birth to him."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1521) and Muslim (1350)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"‘Umrah expiates for the sins committed between it and the next ‘Umrah, and the accepted Hajj has no reward but Paradise."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1773) and Muslim (1349)]

The Reward of ‘Umrah in Ramadan

Ibn ‘Abbās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said to a woman of the Ansār (Companions) who was called Umm Sinān: **"What has prevented you from performing**

Hajj with us?" She said: **"The father of so and so - her husband - had only two camels: One of which was taken away by him and his son for Hajj, whereas the other one is used by our boy to carry water."** Thereupon, he said: **"'Umrah during Ramadan is tantamount to Hajj, or Hajj along with me."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1782) and Muslim (1256)]

The Reward of Good Deeds During the Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah

Ibn 'Abbās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No good deeds are superior to those done on these days." They said: **"Not even Jihad?" He replied: "Not even Jihad, except that of a man who puts himself and his property in danger and returns with nothing."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (969)]

The Reward of Living in Madīnah

Sa‘d (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Madīnah is best for them if they only knew. No one leaves it through dislike of it except that Allah will replace him with a better person in it, and no one will remain there in spite of its hardship and distress except that I will be an intercessor or witness for him on the Day of Judgment."

[Narrated by Muslim (1363)]

The Reward of Learning and Reciting the Qur’an

Abu Mūsa al-Ash‘ari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The parable of a believer who reads the Qur'an is that of a citron, whose taste and smell are good. The parable of a believer who does not read the Qur'an is that of a date, whose taste is good, but it has no smell. The parable of a hypocrite who reads the Qur'an is that of basil, whose smell is good, but its taste is bitter. And the parable of a hypocrite who does not read the Qur'an is that of a colocynth, whose taste is bitter, and it has no smell."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5020) and Muslim (797)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Would any one of you like, when he returns to his family, to find there three large, fat, pregnant she-camels?" We said: 'Yes.' Thereupon, he said: "Three verses that one of you recites in his prayer are better for him than three large, fat, pregnant she-camels."

[Narrated by Muslim (802)]

‘Uqbah ibn ‘Āmir (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

When we were in the Suffah, the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) came out and asked: **"Which of you would like to go out every morning to But-hān or al-‘Aqīq and bring two large-humped she-camels without being guilty of sin or severing ties of kinship?"** We replied: "O Messenger of Allah, we would all like that." He said: **"Does not one of you go out in the morning to the mosque and teach or recite two verses of Allah's Book? That is better for him than two she-camels, and three verses are better for him than three she-camels, and four verses are better for him than four she-camels, and so on."**

[Narrated by Muslim (803)]

‘Uthmān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The best among you are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5027)]

In another version by him:

"The most excellent among you are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it."

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"One who is skilled in the Qur'an is associated with the noble, upright recording angels; and he who falters when reciting the Qur'an and finds it difficult for him will have a double reward."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (4937) and Muslim (798); this is the wording by Muslim]

Abu Umāmah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Read the Qur'an, for it will come on the Day of Judgment as an intercessor for its companions."

[Narrated by Muslim (804)]

‘Āmir ibn Wāthilah reported that Nāfi‘ ibn ‘Abdul-Hārith met ‘Umar at ‘Usfān. ‘Umar had employed him as a collector in Makkah. ‘Umar said to Nāfi‘: **"Whom have you appointed as a collector over the people of the valley?"** He said: **"Ibn Abza."** He said: **"Who is Ibn Abza?"** He said: **"He is one of our freed slaves."** ‘Umar said: **"So, you have appointed a freed slave over them." He said: "He is a good reciter of the Book of Allah Almighty and well versed in the rules of inheritance."** ‘Umar said: "Your Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **'Indeed, Allah**

elevates some people by this Book and degrades others.'"

[Narrated by Muslim (817)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No group of people gathers in one of the houses of Allah to recite the Book of Allah and study it amongst themselves except that tranquility will descend upon them, mercy will cover them, angels will surround them, and Allah will make mention of them to those with Him."

[Narrated by Muslim (2699)]

The Reward of Reciting Surat al-Fātihah

Ibn ‘Abbās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

While Jibrīl (Gabriel) was sitting with the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him), he heard a sound above him. He lifted his head and said: **"This is a gate which has been opened in heaven today. It was never opened before."** Then, an angel descended from it, and he said: **"This is an angel who has come down to earth. He never came down before."** He sent greetings and said: **"Rejoice with two lights given to you. Such lights were not given to any prophet before you. These (lights) are: Fātihat al-Kitāb (Surat al-Fātihah) and the concluding verses of Surat al-Baqarah. You will never recite a letter from them without being given the blessings it contains."**

[Narrated by Muslim (806)]

The Reward of Reciting Surat al-Baqarah

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Do not turn your houses into graveyards. Satan runs away from the house in which Surat al-Baqarah is recited."

[Narrated by Muslim (780)]

Abu Umāmah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Recite Surah al-Baqarah, for taking recourse to it is a blessing and abandoning it is a cause of grief, and the batalah (magicians) cannot confront it."

Mu‘āwiyah said: I learned that batalah means sorcerers.

[Narrated by Muslim (804)]

The Reward of Reciting the Verse of Kursi

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) entrusted me to guard the Zakah revenue of Ramadan. Then, someone came to me and started stealing from the foodstuff. I caught him and said: **"I will take you to the Messenger of Allah!"** Then, Abu Hurayrah told the whole narration and added: He (the thief) said: **"When you go to your bed, recite the Verse of Kursi, for there will be a guard from Allah who will protect you all night long, and Satan will not be able to come near you till dawn."** Thereupon, the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"He told you the truth, even though he is a liar. That was Satan."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3275)]

The Reward of Reciting the Concluding Verses of Surat al-Baqarah

Abu Mas'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever recites the two verses at the end of Surat al-Baqarah at night, they will suffice for him."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5009) and Muslim (807)]

The Reward of Reciting Surat al-Baqarah and Surat Āl ‘Imrān

Abu Umāmah al-Bāhili (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Recite the two shining ones: Al-Baqarah and Surat Āl Imrān, for they will come on the Day of Judgment as two clouds or two shades, or two flocks of birds in ranks, pleading for their companions."

[Narrated by Muslim (804)]

An-Nawwās ibn Sam‘ān al-Kilābi (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"The Qur'an and those who acted according to it will be brought on the Day of Judgment with Surah al-Baqarah and Āl Imrān preceding them." The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) likened them to three things, which I did not forget afterwards. He said: "Like two clouds, or two black canopies with light between them, or

like two flocks of birds in ranks pleading for their companion."

[Narrated by Muslim (805)]

The Reward of Surat al-Kahf

Al-Barā’ ibn ‘Āzib reported: While a man was reciting Surat al-Kahf with a horse tied with two ropes at his side, a cloud overshadowed him, and as it began to come nearer and nearer, his horse began to take fright. He went and mentioned that to the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) in the morning; he said: **"That was tranquility which came down by reason of the Qur'an."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5011) and Muslim (795)]

The Reward of Memorizing the First Ten Verses of Surat al-Kahf

Abu ad-Dardā’ (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever memorizes the first ten verses of Surat al-Kahf will be protected from the Anti-Christ."

[Narrated by Muslim (809)]

The Reward of Reciting Surat al-Ikhlās

Abu ad-Dardā’ (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Is any of you incapable of reciting a third of the Qur'an in a night?" They said: **"How could one recite a third of the Qur'an?"** He said: **"{Say: He is Allah, the One} is equivalent to a third of the Qur'an."**

[Narrated by Muslim (811)]

The Reward of the Remembrance of Allah

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: As the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) was travelling on the way to Makkah, he reached a mountain called jumdān. Thereupon, he said: **"Go on, this is jumdān; the mufarridūn have gone ahead."**

They said: **" What are the mufarridūn, O Messenger of Allah?"** He said: **"Those men and women who remember Allah frequently."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2676)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah says: 'I am just as My servant thinks of Me, and I am with him if He remembers Me: If he remembers Me in himself, I too, remember him in Myself; and if he remembers Me in a group of people, I remember him in a group that is better than them; and if he comes one span near to Me, I go one cubit near to him; and if he comes one cubit near to Me, I go a distance of two outstretched arms near to him; and if he comes to Me walking, I go to him running.'"

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (7405) and Muslim (2675)]

The Reward of the Gatherings of Dhikr

Mu‘āwiyah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) went out and found his Companions sitting in a circle, and he asked them: "What made you sit here?" They replied: **"We sat to remember Allah and praise Him for guiding us to Islam and bestowing favor upon us."** He said: **"I adjure you by Allah, has nothing else made you sit together?"** They said: **"By Allah, nothing else has made us sit together."** Thereupon, he said: **"I did not adjure you because I suspected you, but Jibrīl came and told me that Allah Almighty is speaking proudly of you to the angels."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2701)]

Abu Hurayrah and Abu Sa‘īd al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with both of them) reported that they testified that the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"No group of people gathers to remember Allah Almighty except that the angels will surround them, mercy will cover them, tranquility will descend upon them, and Allah will mention them before those who are near Him."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2700)]

The Reward of the words of Monotheism (There is no god but Allah)

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I said: **"O Messenger of Allah, who will be the luckiest person who will gain your intercession on the Day of Resurrection?"** He said: **"O Abu Hurayrah, I thought that none will ask me about this Hadīth before you, as I know your longing for Hadīths. The luckiest person who will have my intercession on the Day of Resurrection will be the one who says 'La ilaha illa Allah' (there is no god but Allah) sincerely from the bottom of his heart."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6570)]

The Reward of Saying "There is no god but Allah, alone, with no partner; to Him belongs the dominion and to Him praise is due, and He has power over all things" a Hundred Times a Day

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever says 'La ilaha illa Allah, wahdahu la sharīka lahu, lahu al-mulk wa lahu al-hamd, wa huwa ‘ala kolli shay’in qadīr' (there is no god but Allah, alone, with no partner; to Him belongs the dominion and to Him praise is due, and He has power over all things) a hundred times a day will have a reward equivalent to that for emancipating ten slaves, a hundred good deeds will be recorded to his credit, a hundred of his sins will be blotted out from his scroll, and he will be safeguarded against the devil on that day till the evening; and no one will exceed him in doing more good deeds except someone who recited these words more often than him."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3293) and Muslim (2691)]

The Reward of Saying "Glory be to Allah and praise is due to Him" a Hundred Times a Day

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever says 'Subhan Allah wa bihamdih' (Glory be to Allah and praise is due to Him) a hundred times a day will have his sins forgiven, even if they were like the foam of the sea."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6405) and Muslim (2692)]

The Reward of Saying "Glory be to Allah and praise is due to Him, and glory be to Allah, the Majestic"

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Two words are light on the tongue, heavy in the balance, and are loved by the Most Merciful: 'Subhan Allah wa bihamdihi, subhan Allah al-ʻazhīm' (Glory be to Allah and praise is due to Him, and glory be to Allah, the Majestic)."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6406) and Muslim (2694)]

The Reward of Saying 'subhan Allah wa alhamdulillah' (Glory be to Allah, and praise be to Allah)

Abu Mālik al-Ashʻari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"'Alhamdulillah' fills the scale; 'subhan Allah' and 'alhamdulillah' fill what is between the heaven and the earth."

[Narrated by Muslim (223)]

The Reward of Saying "Glory be to Allah, and praise be to Allah, and there is no god but Allah, and Allah is the Greatest"

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"For me to say 'subhan Allah, wa alhamdulillah, wa la ilaha illa Allah, wa Allahu akbar' (Glory be to Allah, and praise be to Allah, and there is no god but Allah, and Allah is the Greatest) is dearer to me than all that the sun rises upon."

[Narrated by Muslim (2695)]

Samurah ibn Jundub (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The most beloved words to Allah are four: Subhan Allah, wa alhamdulillah, wa la ilaha illa Allah, wa Allahu akbar. It does not matter which of them you say first."

[Narrated by Muslim (2137)]

The Reward of Tasbīh (Glorifying Allah)

Sa‘d (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

As we were with the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him), he asked: **"Is anyone of you unable to earn a thousand good deeds every day?"** One of those present asked: **"How can one earn a thousand good deeds in a day?"** He replied: **"He glorifies Allah a hundred times; a thousand good deeds will be recorded for him, or a thousand sins will be erased from his record."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2698)]

The Reward of Saying 'Subhān Allah wa bihamdih...' (Glory be to Allah and praise be to Him, the number of His creatures, in accordance with His good pleasure, to the weight of His Throne, and to the extent of His words)

Juwayriyyah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) went out from her dwelling one morning at the time when he offered the Fajr prayer while she was in her place of worship. He returned in the forenoon and found her sitting. He asked her: **"Are you still in the same state in which I left you?"** She said: 'Yes!' He said: **"Since leaving you, I said three times four phrases which, if weighed against all what you have said today, would prove to be heavier: 'Subhan Allah wa bihamdihi ‘adada khaliqihi wa ridha nafsihi wa zinata ‘arshihi wa midāda kalimātih' (Glory be to Allah and praise be to Him, the number of His creatures, in accordance with His good pleasure, to the weight of His Throne, and to the extent of His word)."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2726)]

The Reward of Saying 'La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah' (There is no power nor strength except through Allah)

Abu Mūsa al-Ashʻari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said to me:

"Shall I tell you of one of the treasures of Paradise?" I said: 'Yes!' He said: 'La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah' (There is no power nor strength except through Allah)."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (7386) and Muslim (2704)]

The Merit of the Sayyid al-Istighfār (Master of Istighfār)

Shaddād ibn Aws (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The most superior way of asking for Allah's forgiveness is to say: 'Allahumma anta Rabbi la ilaha illa ant, khalaqtani wa ana ‘abduka, wa ana ‘ala ‘ahdika wa wa‘dika mastata‘t, a‘udhu bika min sharri ma sana‘t, abu’u laka bini‘matika ‘alayya, wa abu’u laka bidhanbi faghfir lī fa innahu la yaghfiru adhdhunuba illa ant' (O Allah, You are my Lord. There is no god but You. You have created me, and I am Your servant and I hold to Your covenant and promise as much as I can. I seek refuge in You from the evil of what I have done. I acknowledge Your favor upon me, and I acknowledge my sins. So, forgive me, for none forgives sins but You).

Whoever says it during the day with firm faith in it and dies on the same day before the evening will be from the people of Paradise; and whoever says it at night with firm faith in it and dies before the morning will be from the people of Paradise."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6306)]

The Reward of Saying 'A‘ūdhu bikalimātillah at-tāmmāt min sharri ma khalaq' (I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from the evil of what He created)

Khawlah ibn Hakīm as-Sulamiyyah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say: **"Whoever alights somewhere and says, 'A‘ūdhu bikalimātillah at-tāmmāt min sharri ma khalaq' (I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from the evil of what He has created), nothing will harm him until he leaves that place."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2708)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

A man coming to the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) and said: **"O Messenger of Allah, I was stung by a scorpion last night!” He** replied: **"If you had said in the evening 'A‘ūdhu bikalimātillah...' (I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from the evil of what He created', it would not have harmed him."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2709)]

The Reward of the Dhikr Before Sleeping

Al-Barā’ ibn ‘Āzib (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whenever you intend to go to bed, perform ablution as is due for prayer and then lie down on the right side and say: 'Allahumma aslamtu nafsi ilayk, wa fawwadtu amri ilayk, wa al-ja’tu zhahri ilayk, raghbatan wa rahbatan ilayk, la malja’a wa la manja minka illa ilayk, āmantu bikitabika alladhi anzalt, wa binabiyyika alladhi arsalt (O Allah, I have submitted myself to You. I have turned my face to You, entrusted my affairs to You, and relied completely upon You, out of desire for You and fear from You. There is no resort and no saver except You. I affirm my faith in Your Book which You have revealed and in Your Prophet whom You have sent). If you die during that night, you will die upon the fitrah (natural disposition); let these be your last words."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (247) and Muslim (2710)]

The Reward of What is Done by One Who Gets Up in the Night

‘Ubādah ibn as-Sāmit (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever gets up at night and says, 'La ilaha illa Allah, wahdahu la sharīka lahu, lahu al-mulk wa lahu al-hamd, wa huwa ‘ala kolli shay’in qadīr, alhamdulillah, wa subhan Allah, wa la ilaha illa Allah, wa Allahu akbar, wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa billah' (There is no god but Allah, alone, with no partner; to Him belongs the dominion and to Him praise is due, and He has power over all things; praise be to Allah, and glory be to Allah, and there is no god but Allah, and Allah is the Most Great, and there is no power nor strength except through Allah), and then says 'Allahumma ighfir li' (O Allah, forgive me), or supplicates, his supplication will be answered; and if he makes ablution and prays, his prayer will be accepted."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1154)]

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The Reward of the Adhkār After the Obligatory Prayers

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Some of the poor Muhājirūn (Emigrants) came to the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) and said to him: **"The wealthy have obtained all high ranks and everlasting bliss."** He asked: **"How is that?"** They replied: **"They pray as we pray and fast as we fast, but they give charity while we do not, and they emancipate slaves while we do not."** He said: **"Shall I teach you something whereby you will catch up with those who have excelled you and will get ahead of those who follow you, and no one will surpass you unless he does the same as you do?"** They said: **"Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: "Say 'Subhan Allah, and Allahu Akbar, and al-hamdulillah' - thirty-three times at the end of every prayer."**

They returned to him and said: **"Our brothers, the possessors of wealth, have heard what we are doing, so they started doing the same."** Thereupon, the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"This is grace of Allah which He gives to whomever He wishes."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (843) and Muslim (959)]

Ka‘b ibn ‘Ujrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"There are some words, those who recite them at the end of every obligatory prayer will not be disappointed. These are: 'Subhan Allah' - thirty-three times, 'al-hamdulillah' - thirty-three times, and 'Allahu Akbar' - thirty-four times."

[Narrated by Muslim (596)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever says at the end of every prayer 'Subhan Allah' - thirty-three times, al-hamdulillah' - thirty-three times, and 'Allahu Akbar' - thirty-three times: those are ninety-nine times; and then completes a hundred by saying: 'La ilaha illa Allah, wahdahu la sharīka lahu, lahu al-mulk wa lahu al-hamd, wa huwa ‘ala kolli shay’in qadīr' (There is no god but Allah, alone, with no partner; to Him belongs the dominion and to Him praise is due, and He has power over all things), his sins will be forgiven, even if they were like the foam of the sea."

[Narrated by Muslim (597)]

The Reward of Supplication

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah says: 'I am as My servant thinks I am, and I am with him when he supplicates to Me.'"

[Narrated by Muslim (2675)]

The Reward of Supplicating for a Fellow Muslim in His Absence

Abu ad-Dardā’ (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No Muslim supplicates for his fellow Muslim in his absence, except that the angel will say: And you shall have the same."

[Narrated by Muslim (2732)]

The Reward of Istighfār

Abu Dharr (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) related that Allah Almighty said:

"O My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins; so seek forgiveness of Me and I shall forgive you."[Narrated by Muslim (2577)]

The Reward of Invoking Allah's Blessings Upon the Prophet

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever invokes Allah's blessings upon me once, Allah will bestow His blessings upon him ten times."

[Narrated by Muslim (408)]

The Reward of Kindness to One's Parents

Ibn Masʻūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: A man asked the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him): **"Which deed is best?"** He said: **"Prayer at its appointed time and kindness to one's parents."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (7534) and Muslim (140)]

‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘Ās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

A man came to the Prophet of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) and said: **"I pledge allegiance to you for emigration and Jihad, seeking reward from Allah."** He asked: **"Is any of your parents alive?"** He

said: **"Yes, both of them."** He then asked: **"Do you want to seek reward from Allah?"** He replied in the affirmative. Thereupon, the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"Go back to your parents and keep good company with them."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2549)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Let him be humbled into dust; let him be humbled into dust; let him be humbled into dust." It was said: **"Who is he, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "He who finds either of his parents during their old age or both of them, yet he does not enter Paradise."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2551)]

The Reward of Upholding Kinship Ties

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever wants to have his provision expanded and his term of life prolonged should uphold his ties of kinship."[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5986) and Muslim (2557)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah created all the creatures and when He finished their creation, the rahim (kinship) said: 'At this place I seek refuge with You against severing my ties.' Allah said: 'Are you pleased that I treat with kindness those who treat you with kindness and sever ties with those who sever ties with you?' It said: 'Yes, O Lord.' Allah said: 'Then this is yours.'" Then, the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Recite this verse if you like: {Then if you turn away, what else can be expected but that you will spread corruption in the land and sever your ties of kinship?}"[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5987) and Muslim (2554)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: A man said: **"O Messenger of Allah, I have relatives with whom I uphold kinship ties, but they sever relations with me; I treat them kindly, but they treat me badly; and I am gentle with them, but they are rough to me."** He replied: **"If you are as you say, it is as if you are feeding them hot ashes, and you will have a supporter against them from Allah as long as you continue to do so."** [Narrated by Muslim (2558)]

The Reward of Spending on One's Wife and Children

Abu Masʿūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"If a man spends on his family seeking reward from Allah, it counts as charity for him."[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (55) and Muslim (1002)]

Umm Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: I said: **"O Messenger of Allah, will I receive a reward if I spend on Abu Salama's children; in fact, they are my children?"** He replied: **"Spend on them and you will get a reward for what you spend on them."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1467) and Muslim (1001)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"A dinar you spend in Allah's way, a dinar you spend to free a slave, a dinar you give in charity to a needy person, and a dinar you spend on your household; the one yielding the greatest reward is what you spend on your household."[Narrated by Muslim (995)]

Sa‘d ibn Abi Waqqās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) told me:

"You do not spend anything by which you desire the countenance of Allah, except that you are rewarded for it, even what you place in your wife's mouth."[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (56) and Muslim (1628)]

The Reward of One Who Has Two Daughters or Sisters and Treats Them Patiently and Kindly

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported:

A woman came to me having two of her daughters with her. She asked me for something, but I could not find anything except for a single date which I gave her. She divided it between her daughters and then got up and left. The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) came in and I told him what had happened. He said: **"Whoever is put to trial by having some daughters and he treats them kindly; they will act as a shield for him from Hellfire."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1418) and Muslim (2629)]

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported:

A poor woman came to me along with her daughters. I gave her three dates. She gave a date to each of them and then she took up one date and brought it to her mouth in order to eat it, but her daughters expressed desire to eat it. So, she divided the date that she intended to eat between them. Her act impressed me, and I mentioned that to the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him), who said: **"Verily Allah has assured Paradise**

for her because of it, or He has rescued her from Hellfire because of it."

[Narrated by Muslim (2630)]

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever supports two girls till they attain maturity, he and I will come on the Day of Resurrection like this," joining his fingers.

[Narrated by Muslim (2631)]

The Reward of One Who Works to Support a Widow or a Poor Person

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"He who strives to support a widow, or a poor person is like a warrior in the cause of Allah or one who prays all night and fasts all the day."[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5353) and Muslim (2982)]

The Reward of Sponsoring Orphans

Sahl (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"I and the one who sponsors an orphan will be like this in Paradise," pointing his middle and index fingers and separating them. [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5304)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"I and the one who sponsors an orphan, whether for himself or for someone else, will be like these two in Paradise," indicating his middle and index fingers. [Narrated by Muslim (2983)]

His saying: **"whether for himself or for someone else"** means whether the orphan is one of his relatives or not.

The Reward of One Who Visits a Fellow Muslim

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"As a man set out to visit a brother (in faith) in another town, Allah sent an angel on his way.** When the man met the angel, the latter asked him: **'Where do you intend to go?'** He said: **'I intend to visit my brother in this town.'** The angel said: **'Have you done any favor to him (that you may want repayment for it)?'** He said: **'No, I only love him for the sake of Allah Almighty.'** Thereupon, the angel said: **'I am a messenger to you from Allah (to inform you) that Allah loves you, as you love him for His sake.'"**

[Narrated by Muslim (2567)]

The Reward of One Who Fulfills the Needs of Fellow Muslims

‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim; he should not wrong him or abandon him. Whoever cares for his

brother’s need, Allah will care for his need; whoever removes a Muslim’s distress, Allah will relieve him of one of the distresses of the Day of Resurrection; and whoever conceals a Muslim’s fault, Allah will conceal his fault on the Day of Resurrection."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (2442) and Muslim (2580)]

Abu Qatādah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"Whoever is pleased that Allah should save him from the distresses of the Day of Resurrection should give respite to an insolvent debtor or remit his debt."

[Narrated by Muslim (1563)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever relieves a believer of one of the distresses of this world, Allah will relieve him of one of the distresses of the Day of Resurrection; whoever makes it easy for an insolvent debtor, Allah will make it easy for him in this world and in the Hereafter; and whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and in the Hereafter; and Allah helps His servant as long as he helps his brother."

[Narrated by Muslim (2699)]

The Reward of One Who Visits a Sick Person

Thawbān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever visits a sick person will continue to be in the khurfat of Paradise." It was said: **"What is the khurfat of Paradise, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "Its fruit garden."[**Narrated by Muslim (2568)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah Almighty will say on the Day of Resurrection: 'O son of Adam, I fell ill, and you did not visit Me.' He will say: 'O Lord, how could I visit You when You are the Lord of the worlds?' He will say: 'Did you not know that My servant so-and-so had fallen ill, and you did not visit him? Did you not know that had you visited him, you would have surely found Me with him?' 'O son of Adam, I asked you for food and you did not feed Me.' He will say: 'O Lord, how could I feed You when You are the Lord of the worlds?' He will say: 'Did you not know that My servant so-and-so asked you for food and you did not feed him? Did you not know that had you fed him, you would have surely found that with Me?' 'O son of Adam, I asked you to

give Me water to drink and you did not give Me water to drink.' He will say: 'O Lord, how could I give You water to drink when You are the Lord of the worlds?' He will say: 'My servant so-and-so asked you to give him water to drink and you did not give him water to drink. Had you given him water to drink, you would have surely found that with Me.'"

[Narrated by Muslim (2569)]

The Reward of Truthfulness

Hakīm ibn Hizām (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Both parties in a business transaction have a right to annul it so long as they have not separated. If they tell the truth and make everything clear, they will be blessed in their transaction; but if they conceal anything and lie, the blessing of their transaction will be blotted out."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (2079) and Muslim (1532)]

'Abdullāh ibn Mas'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Adhere to truthfulness, for indeed truthfulness leads to piety, and piety leads to Paradise, and a man continues to tell the truth until he is recorded as

truthful with Allah. Beware of falsehood, for indeed falsehood leads to wickedness, and wickedness leads to Hellfire, and a man continues to lie and is keen on lying until he is recorded as a liar with Allah."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6094) and Muslim (2607)]

The Reward of Forgiveness and Humbleness

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Charity does not decrease wealth. And no one forgives except that Allah increases him in honor, and no one humbles himself except that Allah elevates him."

[Narrated by Muslim (2588)]

The Reward of Leniency in All Matters

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"O ‘Ā’ishah, Allah is kind, and He loves kindness. He gives for kindness what He does not give for harshness and does not give for anything else beside it."

[Narrated by Muslim (2593)]

In another version by him (2594): **"Kindness does not exist in anything except that it adorns it, and it is not withdrawn from anything except that it makes it defective."**

The Reward of One Who Conceals the Fault of a Fellow Muslim

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"No one conceals the fault of another in this world except that Allah will conceal his fault on the Day of Judgment."

[Narrated by Muslim (2590)]

The Reward of Seeking Reconciliation Among People

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"There is charity to be given for every joint of the human body every day the sun rises. Judging justly between two persons is charity; helping a man concerning his riding animal by helping him to ride it

or by lifting his luggage on to it is charity; a good word is charity; and every step one takes to the prayer is charity; and removing a harmful thing from the way is charity."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri and Muslim]

His words 'Judging justly between two persons" mean: Settling their dispute or reconciling them in a just manner.

The Reward of One Who Defends the Honor of a Fellow Muslim in His Absence

Abu ad-Dardā’ (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever defends his brother’s honor in his absence, Allah will protect his face from Hellfire on the Day of Resurrection."

[Narrated by At-Tirmidhi; he classified it as Hasan (Good)]

The Reward of Love for the Sake of Allah Almighty

Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: A man asked the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him): **"When will the Hour be?" He said: "And what have you prepared for it?"** The man said: **"Nothing, except that I love Allah and His Messenger." The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: "You will be with those you love."**

We had never been so glad as we were on hearing the Prophet's statement, **"You will be with those you love."**

Therefore, I love the Prophet, Abu Bakr, and ‘Umar, and I hope that I will be with them because of my love for them, although my deeds are not similar to theirs.

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3688) and Muslim (2639)]

‘Abdullāh ibn Mas‘ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

A man came to the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) and said: **"O Messenger of Allah, what do you think of a man who loves some people but does not catch up with them?"** He said: **"A man will be with those he loves."**

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6169) and Muslim (2640)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Indeed, Allah will say on the Day of Judgment: 'Where are those who love one another for My glory? Today I cover them in My shade on a day when there is no shade but Mine.'"

[Narrated by Muslim (2566)]

The Reward of Patience over Affliction, Even if Little

Abu Sa‘īd al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"And whoever tries to be patient, Allah will give him patience; no one is granted a gift better and more comprehensive than patience."** [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1469) and Muslim (1053)]

Abu Mālik al-Ash‘ari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Patience is light." [Narrated by Muslim (223)]

‘Atā’ ibn Abi Rabāh related: Ibn ‘Abbās said to me: **"May I show you a woman of Paradise?"** I said: **'Yes!'** He said: **"Here is this black woman.** She came to the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) and said: **"I suffer from fits of epilepsy and become uncovered; so, supplicate [to] Allah for me."** He said: **"Be patient, if you will, and you will be rewarded with Paradise; and if you will, I will supplicate [to] Allah to cure you." She said: "I will be patient."** Then, she said: **"I become uncovered; so, supplicate [to] Allah that I do not become uncovered."** He supplicated for her. [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5652) and Muslim (2576)]

Abu Sa‘īd al-Khudri and Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with both of them) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"No believer suffers fatigue, pain, sorrow, sadness, or distress, even if it were the pricking of a thorn, except that Allah will expiate some of his sins for that"** [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri and Muslim]. The version by Muslim reads: **"No believer suffers fatigue, pain, illness, or sadness, even a distress that concerns him, except that some of his sins will be expiated for that."**

‘Ā’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"No affliction befalls a Muslim except that Allah will expiate some of his sins for it, even if it were the pricking of a thorn."** [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri and Muslim]

In another version by Muslim: **"No believer suffers from a thorn or anything greater than that except that Allah will remove some of his sins because of it."**

Another version reads: **"Except that Allah will raise him one degree and blot out his sins because of it."**

In another version by him: Some young men from the Quraysh visited ‘Ā’ishah when she was in Mina, and they were laughing. She said: **"What makes you laugh?"** They said: **"Such and such person stumbled against the rope of the tent, and he was about to break his neck or lose his eyes."** She said: "Do not laugh, for I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be

upon him) say: **"No believer suffers from a thorn or anything greater than that except that Allah will give him a degree because of it and a sin will be removed from him due to it."**

Ibn Mas‘ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"No Muslim is afflicted by injury, be it illness or something else, except that Allah will cause his sins to drop away just as a tree sheds its leaves because of that.”** [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri and Muslim]

The Reward of Fever

Jabir ibn ‘Abdullāh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) visited Umm as-Sā’ib (or Umm al-Musayyib) and asked her: **"What is wrong with you, O Umm as-Sā’ib (or Umm al-Musayyib)? You are shivering."** She replied: **"It is fever, may Allah not bless it!"** He said to her: **"Do not revile fever, for it cleanses out the sins of the children of Adam in the same way that a furnace removes the dirt of iron."[**Narrated by Muslim (2575)]

‘Abdullāh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I visited the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) during his illness and he was suffering from a high fever. I said: **"You have a high fever. Is it because you will have a double reward for it?"** He said: **"Yes, for no Muslim is afflicted with any harm except that**

Allah will remove his sins as the leaves of a tree fall down." [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5647) and Muslim (2571)]

The Reward of One Who Loses Eyesight and Shows Patience

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"If I afflict my servant in his two loved things, and he shows patience, I will compensate him for them with Paradise."

His two loved things: His eyes. [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5653)]

The Reward of Removing Harm from the Way

Abu Dharr (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"The deeds of my Ummah, good and bad, were presented before me, and I found the removal of harmful objects from the way among their good

deeds, and phlegm left unburied in the mosque among their evil deeds." [Narrated by Muslim (553)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"While a man was walking, he saw a thorny branch on the road and removed it. Allah appreciated his action and forgave him." [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (652) and Muslim (1914)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"A man passed by a branch of a tree leaning over a road and and said: 'By Allah, I will remove this from the way of Muslims so that it would not harm them.' He was admitted to Paradise because of that." [Narrated by Muslim (1914)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"I saw a man going about in Paradise because of a tree he cut from the path which was a source of inconvenience to people." [Narrated by Muslim (1914)]

The Reward of One Who Kills a Snake or a Gecko

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever kills a gecko with the first blow, a hundred good deeds will be recorded for him, less if he kills it at the second, and less still if he kills it at the third."

[Narrated by Muslim (2240)]

The Reward of the Truthful and Honest Trader

Hakīm ibn Hizām (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Both parties in a business transaction have a right to annul it so long as they have not separated. If they tell the truth and make everything clear, they will be blessed in their transaction; but if they conceal anything and lie, the blessing of their transaction will be blotted out."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (2110) and Muslim (1532)]

The Reward of Leniency in Buying and Selling

Jābir ibn ‘Abdullāh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"May Allah have mercy on a man who is lenient when he sells, lenient when he buys, and lenient when he asks for payment."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (2076)]

The Reward of Guarding One's Chastity out of Fear from Allah Almighty

Sahl ibn Sa‘d (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whosoever gives me a guarantee to safeguard what is between his jaws and what is between his legs, I will guarantee him Paradise."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (6474)]

What is between his jaws: the tongue. What is between his legs: the sex organs.

The Reward of Repentance

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Verily, Allah is more pleased with the repentance of His servant than a person who has his camel in a waterless desert carrying his provision of food and drink, and it is lost. He, having lost all hope, lies down in the shade and is disappointed about his camel; then all of a sudden, he finds it standing before him. He takes hold of its reins and then, out of extreme joy, blurts out: 'O Allah, You are my servant, and I am Your lord.' He commits this mistake out of extreme joy."

[Narrated by Muslim (2747)]

The Reward of Doing Good Deeds When Corruption is Prevalent

Ma‘qil ibn Yasār (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Worship during the time of turmoil and trials is like emigrating to me."

[Narrated by Muslim (2948)]

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The Reward for the Poor and Weak People

‘Imrān ibn Husayn (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"I looked into Paradise and found poor people forming the majority of its inhabitants; and I looked into Hellfire and found that the majority of its inhabitants were women."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3241) and Muslim (2737) from Ibn ‘Abbās (may Allah be pleased with him)]

Osama (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"I stood at the gate of Paradise and saw that the majority of the people who entered it were the poor, while the wealthy were stopped at the gate. But the dwellers of Hellfire were ordered to be taken to Hellfire. Then, I stood at the gate of Hellfire and saw that the majority of those who entered it were women."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (5196) and Muslim (2736)]

Thawbān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

While I was standing beside the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him), one of the rabbis of the Jews came and said: **"I have come to ask you."** He said: **"Should that thing be of any benefit to you if I tell you?"** He said: **"I will lend my ears to it."** The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) drew a line with a stick he had with him and then said: 'Ask.' Thereupon, the Jew said: **"Where will the people be on the day the earth will be replaced by another earth, and the heavens as well?"**

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"They will be in darkness below the Bridge." He said: "Who amongst people will be the first to cross?" He said: "The poor among the Muhājirūn (emigrants)."** [Narrated by Muslim (315)]

Abu ‘Abdur-Rahmān reported: Three persons came to ‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘Ās while I was sitting with him and said: **"By Allah, we have nothing with us either in the form of provision, riding animals, or wealth."** He said to them: **"I am prepared to do whatever you like. If you wish, you can come back to us, and we will give you what Allah will make available for you. And if you wish, I will mention your case to the ruler. And if you wish, you can show patience**, for I have heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say: **"The poor among the Muhājirūn (emigrants) will precede the rich by forty years in**

getting into Paradise on the Day of Resurrection." Thereupon, they said: **"Then we show patience and ask for nothing."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2979)]

The Reward of Positive Thinking about Allah Almighty

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Allah Almighty says: 'I am as My servant thinks of Me.'"

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (7405) and Muslim (2675)]

The Reward of Spreading the Greeting of Peace

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I inform you of something, which if you do, you will love one another? Spread the greeting of peace amongst you."**

[Narrated by Muslim (93)]

‘Abdullāh ibn Sallām (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say: **"O people, spread the greeting of peace, feed the poor, uphold the ties of kinship, and pray at night while people are asleep; you will enter Paradise in peace."**

[Narrated by At-Tirmidhi; he classified it as Hasan (Sound) and Sahīh (Authentic)]

The Reward of Greeting One's Family

Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said to me: **"O my son, when you enter your house, greet your family, for it will be a blessing for you and your family."** [Narrated by At-Tirmidhi (2698); he classified it as Hasan (Good) and Sahīh (Authentic)]

The Reward of the Merciful People

Osama ibn Zayd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Indeed, Allah shows mercy to those of His servants who are merciful."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (1284) and Muslim (923)]

The Reward of Supplication at the Time of Answering

Jābir (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"There is an hour during the night at which no Muslim man will ask Allah for good in this world and the Hereafter except that He will give it to him; and that applies to every night."

[Narrated by Muslim (757)]

The Reward of Calling People to Allah

Sahl ibn Sa‘d (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"If Allah guides one man through you, this is better for you than possessing red camels."

[Narrated by Al-Bukhāri (3009) and Muslim (2406)]

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever calls to guidance, his reward will be equivalent to those who follow him, without that detracting from their rewards anything; and whoever calls to misguidance will incur a sin equivalent to these of the people who follow him, without that detracting from their sins anything." [Narrated by Muslim (2674)]

Jarīr ibn ‘Abdullāh (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Whoever introduces a good practice in Islam, and it is followed after him, he will have a reward equivalent to the rewards of those who act upon it,

without that detracting from their rewards anything; and whoever introduces a bad practice in Islam and it is followed after him, he will incur a sin equivalent to the sins of those who act upon it, without that detracting from their sins anything."

[Narrated by Muslim (1017)]

The Reward of Conveying the Prophet's Hadīths

Ibn Masʻūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) say:

"May Allah brighten a man who hears something from us and conveys it to others exactly as he has heard it, for the recipient of knowledge may understand it better than the one who has heard it."

[Narrated by At-Tirmidhi (2657); he classified it as Hasan (Good) and Sahīh (Authentic)]

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"Indeed, Allah is pleased with His servant who praises Him when he eats and praises Him when he drinks."**

[Narrated by Muslim (2734)]

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